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25X1 [redacted] MM) Discussed with Ed Braswell and Jim Woolsey, of the
Senate Armed Services Committee staff, our concern about provisions of the
25X1 Foreign Assistance Act which would transfer jurisdiction over military assistance
from the Armed Services Committee to the Foreign Relations Committee, [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] I said we assume the Committee would have to look out for itself on
the jurisdictional issue and we were not going to take the initiative on the
[redacted] because we didn't have as much at stake there as other agencies.
25X1 However, I said we were very much concerned about the [redacted]

25X1 Braswell and Woolsey said Stennis had his hands full with other issues
such as the Mansfield amendment and in any event would find it difficult to fight
25X1 [redacted] unless we "took off the wraps" and allowed him to speak
frankly [redacted]. I said we'd see if we could come up with an
25X1 unclassified statement which could serve the purpose. Braswell said what was
needed was an "impact statement" which would emphasize the serious consequences
[redacted]

25X1 7. [redacted] Called Tom Korologos, in the White House, regarding
the problems with the Foreign Assistance Act mentioned above. He said he
25X1 [redacted]

25X1 and was trying to get Stennis to assume responsibility for provisions regarding
[redacted] I explained Stennis' problem as I understood it and asked
Korologos whether we shouldn't try to get someone else to take up the fight such
as Milton Young, Howard Baker, or Jake Javits. Korologos said we shouldn't
do anything until we hear from them because they were starting a big meeting
on the whole thing in the White House.

25X1 8. [redacted] Bill Miller, of Senator John Sherman Cooper's
(R., Ky.) office, called to say the Senator was interested in any comments on the
New York Times story quoting Laird on Soviet MIRV tests. I said we didn't know
what the Secretary had said, but on the basis of intelligence estimates available
it appeared that the press story was garbled and that the Defense Department
would be the people to straighten it out.

25X1 9. [redacted] Called Dorothy Fosdick, in Senator Jackson's office,
to say that we had no evidence supporting some of the points made in a
New York Times story attributed to testimony by Secretary Laird. I speculated
the story was the result of a garble and suggested the people to straighten it
out was the Defense Department since they knew what the Secretary had said
and we didn't.

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